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Dear Dr. Humes:

I am enclosing a copy of the transcript of your February 13, 1996 deposition. As I mentioned to you, I would like you to take the opportunity to review the transcript and correct any errors that you notice. Once you have made the corrections, I would like to ask you to sign the certificate at the end of the transcript before a notary, and return your original to me. The changes will be made to a final draft, and I will send a copy of the final to you as soon as it is completed.

I would like you to be aware of some minor changes that I am proposing to make to the transcript in order to improve the clarity. As you may recall, at one point during the deposition I inaccurately referred to the autopsy photos View Number 4 (the "posterior view of wound of entrance of missile high in shoulder"), which you had in front of you at the time, as "View Number 5." In order to clear up what may be unclear in the transcript, I have marked out (in red ink) the incorrect number (5) and substituted the correct number (4). These changes may be found on pages 166 and 169 (line 5) and page 171 (lines 13 and 20). Unless I hear from you on this matter, I will assume that those changes are acceptable to you.

There was another ambiguity in my questions that I would like to clarify, if possible. While we were discussing View Number 7 ("missile wound of entrance in posterior skull, following reflection of scalp"), we discussed the possibility that additional photos might have been taken of the skull entry wound both from the exterior (with the scalp reflected) and from the inside of the cranium. I would like to propose two changes to my questions on page 200 to help clarify this issue. The changes, which are marked in red ink on your original, would delete "back" from line 3 and insert "posterior skull" and delete "scalp" from line 10 and insert "skull." Although I believe that the purport of your answer presumed the sense of the question that I now propose, I do not want to make any revisions if the proposed changes would alter the accuracy of your answers. Once again, please let me know if these proposed changes are unacceptable to you.

Finally, I would like to add some additional short questions to help clarify an important

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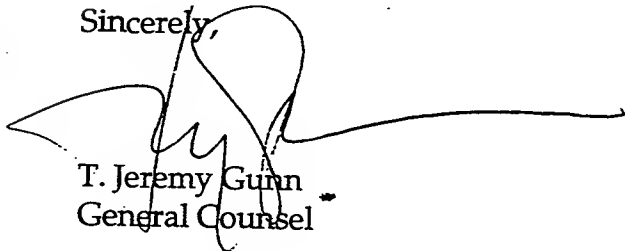
issue: your opinion as to the location of the skull entrance wound. As you may know, there has been some uncertainty with respect to whether you ever changed your opinion on the location of that wound. I have added a short series of interrogatories, beginning on page 241 of the deposition transcript, that I would appreciate your answering subject to the same oath that you took during the deposition. You should feel free to handwrite your answer in the appropriate place. It is possible that the questions might be answered with a one word "yes" or "no," but you should feel free to elaborate to make your answer clear. I am enclosing a photocopy of one of the drawings referenced therein, Ida Dox (Figure 13).

I am enclosing a self-addressed pre-paid Federal Express envelope for your convenience. Please do not hesitate to call (collect) if you have any questions.

I should not neglect to mention that we heard from Senator Specter, who said that he had no objection to the inclusion of his letter in the JFK Collection. I am attaching a photocopy of his letter.

Once again, we very much appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,



T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel

Enclosures